



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE

December 20, 2000

### **S. 2749**

**An act to establish the California Trail Interpretive Center in Elko, Nevada, to facilitate the interpretation of the history of development and use of trails in the settling of the western portion of the United States, and for other purposes**

*As cleared by the Congress on December 15, 2000*

### **SUMMARY**

Title I of S. 2749 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish, near the city of Elko, Nevada, a center to interpret the historical significance of the California Trail in the westward migration of American settlers. Under that title, the Secretary could accept and use up to \$6 million in donations from state and local sources for that center. Title II would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to public school districts, in exchange for nominal payments, certain lands in the National Forest System (NFS) for education uses. Title III would establish the Crossroads of the West Historic District in the city of Ogden, Utah, and authorize the National Park Service to assist nonfederal parties in planning and implementing interpretive projects within the proposed district.

CBO estimates that enacting title I would increase both governmental receipts and direct spending by \$5 million over the 2003-2004 period. We estimate that enacting title II and title III would not significantly affect direct spending.

### **ESTIMATED PAY-AS-YOU-GO IMPACT**

CBO's estimate of the impact of S. 2749 on direct spending and revenues is shown in the following table. Only the estimated changes in the budget year and the succeeding four years are counted for pay-as-you-go purposes. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars									
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Changes in outlays	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Changes in receipts	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## **BASIS OF ESTIMATE**

Title I would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to accept donations totaling up to \$6 million from the state of Nevada, Elko County, and the city of Elko. Based on information from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), we estimate that cash contributions from the state and the city would total \$5 million in 2003. Such cash donations are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts (i.e., revenues). We also estimate that the county would donate \$1 million worth of in-kind services to prepare the site and build access roads for the center. In-kind contributions are not reflected in the budget.

Under title I, the Secretary could spend, without further appropriation, any cash donations for building the proposed center. Based on information from BLM, we estimate that this provision would increase direct spending by using \$2 million of those receipts in 2003 and \$3 million in 2004.

Title II would authorize the Forest Service to sell certain lands to public school districts at nominal rates. This provision could result in forgone offsetting receipts if the agency would have sold those lands at fair market value under current law. Based on information from the agency, however, we estimate that any such loss of receipts from land sales would total less than \$500,000 each year. Finally, we estimate that other provisions of S. 2749 would not significantly affect direct spending.

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